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## **Number Of Guards Required For Vessels With Undocumented Crewmembers Or Unauthorized Persons**

This bulletin provides supplemental guidance to PCIB 15-02, 30-02 and 44-02, Security Guard Standards for Vessel With Undocumented Crewmembers or Unauthorized Person. The following establishes the minimum security manning requirements agents shall provide when INS determines a security plan is needed for entry into the port. It does not alter the types of guards required.

### **Security guard manning requirements:**

A minimum of 1 armed security guard is required for 5 or less detainees; and 2 armed guards are required for 6 or more detainees.

The following berths have additional requirements:

IMC Agrico and Kinder Morgan located in Port Sutton require a minimum of 2 armed security guards regardless of the number of detainees.

Additional guards may be needed if:

- a) There is an obstruction in the way of the berth preventing common travel (area not accessible by vehicle) or view, or
- b) INS or U.S. Coast Guard specifically require additional guards.

The above standards are minimum established requirements. Agents should be aware that regardless of what assurances they receive, they will be held to this standard. It is incumbent upon agents to ensure compliance with this standard.

For questions regarding this policy contact Gloria Williams, INS Area Port Director at (813) 348-1700 ext 2203. **Security plans must be faxed to INS at (813) 348-1702 and to the Coast Guard at (813) 228-2399.**

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